



COMPLIANCE COMPONENT

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DEFINITION	
<i>Name</i>	Hyperlinks
<i>Description</i>	Hyperlinks are clickable items that connect to other documents on the web (Web pages, media files such as video, audio, PDF, etc.) Underlined text or image buttons are commonly used as hyperlinks to draw the user's eye to navigable sections of a Web page.
<i>Rationale</i>	Clearly defined hyperlinks allow citizens to easily navigate State of Missouri Web sites.
<i>Benefits</i>	Hyperlinks aid in the navigation and ensure accessibility for a wider audience, and allow users to easily navigate throughout a Web site using clickable text or images.
ASSOCIATED ARCHITECTURE LEVELS	
<i>Specify the Domain Name</i>	Interface
<i>Specify the Discipline Name</i>	Branding
<i>Specify the Technology Area Name</i>	Common Elements
<i>Specify the Product Component Name</i>	
COMPLIANCE COMPONENT TYPE	
<i>Document the Compliance Component Type</i>	Guideline
<i>Component Sub-type</i>	
COMPLIANCE DETAIL	
<i>State the Guideline, Standard or Legislation</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid the words "click here" solely; use descriptive text within sentences or headings as the anchor for hyperlinks. Examples of proper use of "click here" are: "Click here to listen to the real audio file" or "Click here for more information on blindness prevention." • Avoid using the underline with any text that's not a hyperlink when your hyperlinks are underlined. Reserve underlining for hyperlinks unless it conflicts with Associate Press or other editorial standards. • Make color differences between hyperlinks and text explicit - color and underline the hyperlink text within the content of the page. Clearly defined navigational menus or list of hyperlinks can be in a distinct color with no underline needed. However, underlined hyperlinks are important for low-vision or color blind users' accessibility. • Hyperlinks should avoid colors such as reds or greens, which cause problems for users with common forms of color-blindness. • Distinguish visited hyperlinks from unvisited hyperlinks. • The color for unvisited hyperlinks should be more vivid, bright, and saturated than the color for visited hyperlinks, which should look "used" (dull and washed out). • The two colors should be variants or shades of the same color, so that they're clearly related. Using drastically different colors (say, orange and green) makes it hard for users to understand the relationship between the

	<p>two types of hyperlinks and to identify which color is the "used" version of the other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shades of blue provide the strongest signal for hyperlinks, but other colors work almost as well. • When using color to signal information, you should provide redundant cues for color-blind users. Making unvisited hyperlinks brighter and more luminous than visited hyperlinks will usually accomplish this goal. • Never show text in your chosen hyperlink colors unless it's a hyperlink. • Don't use the default "blue" color for non-hyperlink text, even if you don't use blue as your hyperlink color. Blue is still the color that the user perceives most strongly that some action is possible. • See Accessibility – 508 Federal Standards - Links/Anchors ... 		
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Compliance Sources			
Name	Jakob Nielson, Ph.D.	Website	http://www.useit.com/alertbox/20040510.html
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KEYWORDS			
List Keywords	Hyperlinks, links, anchors, named anchor, text anchors, skip navigation link, access keys, text color		
COMPONENT CLASSIFICATION			
Provide the Classification	<input type="checkbox"/> Emerging <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Current <input type="checkbox"/> Twilight <input type="checkbox"/> Sunset		
Sunset Date			
COMPONENT SUB-CLASSIFICATION			
Sub-Classification	Date	Additional Sub-Classification Information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Technology Watch			
<input type="checkbox"/> Variance			
<input type="checkbox"/> Conditional Use			
Rationale for Component Classification			
Document the Rationale for Component Classification			
Migration Strategy			
Document the Migration Strategy			
Impact Position Statement			
Document the Position Statement on Impact			
CURRENT STATUS			
Provide the Current Status	<input type="checkbox"/> In Development <input type="checkbox"/> Under Review <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Rejected		

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